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SUMMARY; MISSION OFFERS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED U. S.
SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR JULY 25-31 SESSION OF
UNIDO AD HOC COMITE AND ON ELECTION OF AD HOC COMITE
OFFICERS. END SUMMARY

1. MISSION APPRECIATES INFO CONTAINED REFTEL AND
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PREPARATIONS FOR JULY 25
MEETING OF AD HOC COMITE. WHILE WE CANNOT AT THIS
TIME BE CERTAIN HOW THE AD HOC COMITE WILL ORGANIZE ITS
CONSIDERATION OF TOPICS ASSIGNED TO IT, INDICATIONS
ARE THAT COMITE WILL WISH FIRST TO EMBARK UPON AT LEAST
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF EXTENT TO WHICH EXPERTS'
RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. IMPORTANT,
THEREFORE, THAT USDEL HAVE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY OF
APPROACH TO ENABLE IT TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN
THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES: I. E. THAT, WHILE MAKING CLEAR US
VIEW THAT RATIONAL SORTING OUT OF EXPERTS' RECOMMENDA-
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TIONS REQUIRES CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK WHICH SHOULD ALSO BE BASIS FOR LONG- RANGE STRATEGY AND INDICATING THAT US REACTION TO RECOMMENDATIONS WILL REFLECT WHAT WE REGARD AS ACCEPTABLE STRATEGY, US DEL NO INSIST THAT COMITE AS A WHOLE FIRST REACH AN AGREED VIEW ON LONG- RANGE STRATEGY BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE PROGRESS ON QUESTION IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS. PROCEDURE OF PREPARING SEPARATE (THOUGH INTERRELATED) PAPERS ADDRESSED TO AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6 TOGETHER WITH POSITION STATED PARA 2 REFTEL THAT US WILL NOT INSIST ON DEFERRING IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL LONG- RANGE STRATEGY ADOPTED WOULD PROVIDE SUCH FLEXIBILITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, WHILE WE HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO COMPARE SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN OF EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATIONS SUGGESTED BY COMMERCE (PARA 3 REFTEL) WITH EXPERTS' REPORT ITSELF, SCHEMATIC DIVISION PROPOSED APPEARS TO BE A USEFUL ONE.

2. AS DEPT AWARE, MAY 17 MEETING AT WHICH MAJORITY OF SPEAKERS EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR GETTING ON WITH QUESTION OF IMPLEMENTATION WAS ONLY AN INFORMAL GET- TOGETHER AT WHICH NOT ALL AD HOC COMITE MEMBERS PRESENT. THUS, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE QUITE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO LAY OUT ITS VIEWS AT JULY 25 SESSION ON CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IMPEMNTATION AND LONG- TERM STRATEGY AND DESIRABILITY OF HAVING FIRST AN AGREED VIEW ON OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF UNIDO ACTION AS YARDSTICK AGAINST WHICH TO JUDGE EXPERTS' PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, SHOULD GENERAL REACTION BE SAME AS ON MAY 17, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED QUICKLY TO AGREE TO DEAL WITH AGENDA ITEM 5 WITH US POSTURE AS INDICATED PARA 2 ABOVE.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, MISSION WELCOMES INDICATION THAT US POSITION ON AGENDA ITEM 6 WILL CONTAIN DETAILED EXPRESSION OF US VIEWS ON LONG TERM STRATEGY AND GOALS FOR UNIDO. GENERAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING NEED FOR UNIDO PRIORITIES AND CHOICES OF ACTIVITIES REFLECTING THEM HAVE LONG BEEN STANDARD ELEMENTS IN US STATEMENTS IN IDB AND SUBORDINATE BODIES AND, IN THEMSELVES, CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO EXCITE MUCH RESPONSE. INTEREST OF COMITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS WILL BE FOCUSSED ON CURRENT US VIEWS OF UNIDO' S MISSION, THE OBJECTIVES AND GOALS WHICH IT SHOULD PURSUE AND THE STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE THEM. IN THIS CONNECTION, ASSUME STATEMENT BY US REP TO 1971 UNIDO CONFERENCE (SEE REPORT OF US DEL TO SPECIAL UNIDO CONFERENCE JUNE 2, 1971) WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

4. RE PARA 7, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, VARIOUS PERMUTATIONS AND POSSIBILITIES BEING VOICED LOCALLY. MOST STRUCTURED APPROACH TO ELECTION (OBIATING FREE- FOR- ALL) WOULD BE FIND SOME FORMULA FOR GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS AND OBVIOUS POSSIBILITY WOULD BE ADOPT REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CURRENT YEAR' S IDB, I. E. GROUP B PROVIDES CHAIRMAN AND AFRICAN GROUP THE RAPPORTEUR. WERE THIS FORMULA TO BE PURSUED (ACCEPTABILITY TO COMITE FAR FROM CERTAIN GIVEN REFLEX LDC PREFERNCE FOR LDC CHAIRMAN AND GROUP D RELUCTANCE BE LEFT WITH PRO FORMA VICE CHAIRMANSHIP), SLECTION OF GROUP B CANDIDATE WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT FULLER INDICATION OF COMPOSITION OF OTHER DELS. (WE ASSUME FOR VARIETY OF CONSIDERATIONS US WOULD NOT SEEK THE CHAIR.) THIS FORMULA WOULD ALSO INVITE QUESTION WHETHER OFFICERS SHOULD CHANGE IN 1974. ANOTHER FORMULA BEING VOICED BY LATIN AMERICANS IS ADOPTION THROUGHOUT OF 1974 COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU. THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD GIVE CHAIR TO GROUP C (WE HAVE HEARD COSTA RICA PERMREP, AMB. ORTIZ, ASPIRES TO CHAIRMANSHIP) AND GROUP B THE RAPPORTEURSHIP. WHILE LATTER POST IMPORTANT AND WORTH HAVING PROSPECT OF ORTIZ AS CHAIRMAN IS UNATTRACTIVE. A POSSIBILITY, IF IT BECOMES CLEAR LDC' S WILL NOT ACCEPT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY CHAIRMAN AND IN ORDER PRESERVE RAPPORTEURSHIP, WOULD BE ENCOURAGE FERNANDINI TO ACCEPT THE CHAIR-- PREEMPTING ORTIZ.

DURING INFORMAL JULY 5 MEETING WITH GROUP B MISSIONS REPRESENTED ON AD HOC COMITE WE HOPE GET FURTHER LINE ON OTHERS' THINKING. STIBRAVY

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